

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of this discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-5 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-5 are amended and Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice by the present amendment.

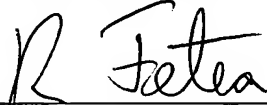
In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Wingen (U.S. Patent No. 6,895,518) in view of Yamamoto et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,778,237, herein "Yamamoto"), and Claims 2-5 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for indication of the allowable subject matter. In view of this indication, Claims 2-5 have been rewritten in independent form including all the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Rejected Claim 1 has been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, it is believed that the rejection on the merits is overcome.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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